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Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Is he prepared to consider the representations of the Labour Union ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " The suggestion will be considered."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the petitioners have been directed that representations should be submitted by means of memorials ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " The answer is clear."

Rate of payments to piece-binders in the Government Press.

* 271 Q.—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the rates at which the piece-binders of the Government Press are paid ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that there are six classes of rates for numbering alone ; if so, why ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that no check is being exercised over the foreman of the Binding department as regards distribution of work to the salaried binders, recommendations for promotions and increments, and charges payable to piece-binders ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the said foreman collected money from the binders of his department at the rate of Re. 1, As. 8 and As. 4 per head ;

(*e*) whether the said foreman Sivagnana Mudaliyar is on extension of service ; and

(*f*) if the answer to (*e*) be in the affirmative, the reasons for such an extension ?

A.—(*a*)

Numbering work.

Class.	Per 1,000 pages. RS.	A.	P.
A. Single by hand lever machine	0	1	2
B. Duplicate	0	1	5
C. Triplicate	0	1	8
D. Single folio for books when backed for pages	0	1	5
E. Single or double on treadle machine ...	0	0	8
F. Treadle or quadruple	0	0	9

Envelope making.

Class.	Per 100. RS.	A.	P.
A. $16'' \times 11\frac{3}{4}''$ and $14\frac{7}{8}'' \times 9\frac{7}{8}''$	0	1	0
B. $16\frac{1}{4}'' \times 6''$, $14\frac{1}{8}'' \times 5\frac{3}{4}''$, $14\frac{3}{8}'' \times 5\frac{1}{4}''$ and $10'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$	0	0	8
C. $9\frac{3}{8}'' \times 4\frac{1}{8}''$, $7'' \times 3\frac{1}{8}''$, $9\frac{7}{8}'' \times 5''$, $8\frac{5}{8}'' \times 3\frac{5}{8}''$ and $6'' \times 3\frac{3}{4}''$	0	0	7

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Quinine envelopes finishing and making.

	RS.	A.	P.	
Quinine envelopes finishing ...	0	2	3	per 1,000 covers.
Do. making ...	0	0	6	per 100 covers.

(*b*) Yes, because there are different kinds of work of varying degrees of difficulty or carried out by the use of machines of varying speeds of operation.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Foremen are classed as ministerial servants. A ministerial servant may be retained in service if he continues efficient up to 60 years. Under the general delegation of powers, the Superintendent, Government Press, is empowered to retire or retain a ministerial servant in service up to the age of 6 ' years provided that extensions are not granted for more than one year at a time.

Alleged refusal of casual leave to one Venugopal, machine-minder of the Government Press.

* 272 Q.—Mr V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one M. E. Venugopal, machine-minder of the Government Press, Mint Buildings, was refused a day's casual leave on 6th June 1930 asked for on the ground of diarrhœa and belly-ache; if so, why;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the said Venugopal had to submit a duplicate leave memorandum on 12th June 1930 and then a triplicate on 17th June 1930 as the original and the duplicate were not forthcoming;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the said Venugopal was told on 21st June 1930 by the Overseer of the department that his leave was not sanctioned;

(*d*) whether the Superintendent enquired into the missing of his leave memos. and with what result; and

(*e*) why the orders passed on his leave memos. were not communicated to him then and there, and his initials obtained thereon?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) The Government have no information.

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar :—" Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to call for the information ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " These relate to details of routine administration and I do not think Government will call for the information."

Motor Vehicles Act.

Income from fees for inspection and registration of motor vehicles.

* 273 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the amount realized by the Government by way of fees for inspection of motor vehicles, in each of the last five years in the City of Madras;